YANKS NOW HAVE 400 LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIES

Give, and the dawn of lonesone years Shall turn to a springtime morning mild; Give, and receive through a mist of tears, The blessing of a little child.

405 ADOPTIONS IN FOUR MONTHS A.E.F.'S RECORD

Every Branch of Service Is Represented on Growing List of Parrains

183,819 FRANCS RECEIVED

Aid Has Aiready Helped to Save Mascots' Lives—15 More Taken in Week

Taken in Week

This is "Four Hundred Week" for the War Orphan Department of THE STARS AND STRIPPES. The A.EF. made a break through on Poverty's fourth centenary line of defense this week, flanked the enemy, and is still making progress. The number of children enrolled in the A.E.F. war orphan family reached 405, attaining that total in a little over four months, at an average rate of 100 a month.

It was on March 29 that THE STARS AND STRIPES announced its plan to-enable A.E.F. sodiers to adopt as their mascots French children whose fathers, in the stern years that preceded America's entrance into the war, died or were permanently crippled in the common light for liberty.

The A.E.F. hose'st whyed out, at one sweep, all the suffering that the war has brought to the children of France. It has barrely skimmed the surface. Our hundreds seem insignificant in comparison with the tens of thousands of children whose fathers made the solder's supreme sacrifice. We appear plittuly small even lesside the list of children made fatherless since we began our modest philanthropy. But we have done, nevertheless, something real and material and lasting in providing these 405 children of ours with care and comfort during the most critical year of their lives and affording them that chance for the future which, in the doctrine of democracy to which we all are pledged, is every children on Auge 1911 STARS AND

Mud and Kids Together

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On March 29 THE STARS AND
STRIPES didn't have as many readers
as it has now. Its present reading publie is five times as great as then. Most
of the original one-fifth of our circulation hecame pals with the children of
France last winter about the time they
were also making the acquaintance of
French mud, home-knitted belly-bands
and other attractics of war.

Hence, it is only natural that 90 per
cent of the parraius of these first 405 are
from the first one-fifth. The other four
fifths didn't have the opportunity to
meet the admiring, brave, clummy boys
and girls as we of the first one-fifth did
and—the worse for them—they probably
never will know them as we do. But it
is as much to them that this sum-up of
work is directed as to the original onefifth.

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The procedure of adoption outlined at the start has been followed and found successful. As originally planned, the 500 francs decided upon as the ideal amount for supporting an orphan a year has been ample under the rules of the plan. At least half of this was to be paid upon adoption and the remainder within four months. The vast majority of the adoptors, however, have paid the parties around in advance. entire amount in advance

Paid Out as Needed

The money received has been turned over to THE STARS AND STRIFES Bureau of the American Red Cross, entrusted with the selection and care of the children, and placed to the credit of the orphans selected. It is being paid out for the care of the children as needed. The payments usually are in equal monthly installments.

The total receipt of cash is 183,819,53 francs, which, in American money, is \$32,249,04. About 15 per cent of this has already been paid out.

Tready been paid out.
The Red Cross burean is in charge of committee headed by Miss Marie Pern, for several years a member of the culty of the Ethical Culture School of faculty of the Ethical Catture Senool of New York. Miss Perrin is of French birth, and she returned here after the opening of the war to engage in war re-lief work. Dr. R. R. Reeder, the Ameri-can orphan asylum reformer and chil-dren's authority, is an advisory member of the committee.

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At the outset, details were worked out on make the administration of THE TARS AND STRIPES fund a model of s kind.

Twenty Letters a Day

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The principal disadvantage of many
charities—the lack of personal interest—
was overcome by facilitating the means
for making the contact between the child
and its adoptor as close as possible. All
parrains are supplied with photographs
of their muscot and his or her address.
The children, too, are told the identify
of their adoptors. Communication between them is encouraged and letters
passing between soldlers and their mascots may be sent to the bureau for translation from French into English and vice
versa.

At present, what with the stimulus of the observance of July 4 and 14 and the striking work of the Americans on the battle front, the number of letters translated by the committee averages upwards of 20 n day. This is in addition to many that go direct. Most of the letters are from the children to their adoptors. The parrains, it may be said, are not such good correspondents as their godehildren.

One Child in a Family

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Many of these letters are glowing, wonderfully worded expressions of gratitude and hope. They have given their readers an unusual insight into French child life, and, from their tone, there can be no doubt that the interest of the Americans has been an inspiration to them.

So great is the number of needy children, it was decided that only one child in each family would be adopted and that only in exceptional cases will a child who has a mother or other adult relatives be selected, if he is the only child in the family. By supporting one child in a family of several, the others are, of course, indirectly assisted. A compilation made of the first 300 children adopted showed that, in addition to the mascots actually enrolled, nearly 500 others had benefited in this way.

At the same time, it was decided that all children enrolled in the family would be given free medical attention through the Red Cross. Children living near Red. Cross medical centers are given a physical examination upon acceptance. Physical examination upon acceptance. Physical weaknesses and tendencies are noted and steps are taken to correct them. This already has resulted in an actual saving of life in several cases. On the whole,

Taken This Week

- Prov. Ord. Depot Bn.

Hgrs. - Division
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L. L. A. MacPherson, S.S.U.
Pet. Frank A. Doble, Inf.
Previously adopted

By Branches of Service

the health of the entire A.E.F. mascot family is very good.

Naval Aviators Come Again Naval Aviators Come Again
This week's adoptions totaled 15, the
largest order being from the Naval Aviators at a camp in southern France. Prevtionsly, this group of suitor-airmen had
taken eight orphans, and this week they
requested six more.

From the headquarters of the
Division came 800 francs and this explanation from Chaplain D. Tannenbaum:

planation from bands:
"This amount was collected from the afficers and men of this command on the occasion of a 14th of July concert." It was felt that concrete expression should be given of the friendship that we bear France, and no more fitting way could be found than by the adoption of a French boy. He is to be adopted in the way of our beloved commanding general

WHAT THE CHILDREN SAY



And the children? What do they think about it all? The letters that follow are their own handlwork, unless the mascots are too small to write and have to call on mothers or grandmothers or aunts to express the thanks which they all feel, even if they cannot put it into words. "Testerday," writes Luclenne Baline, from a place that hapens to be one of A.E.F's base ports, "I was thinking about you. Your Memorial Day was being celebrated here, and our dead and yours were united in our hearts."
"I am not always a very good little girl," frankly admits Mariette faffite, that I will try to be so to please my father, who can see me, and also to please my godfathers, who cannot see me.

"There are Americans here. When I meet them I say 'Goodhye' to them in English and they answer 'Goodhye' with a hugh. They seem very kind. I should like you to be here. I am learning how to speak English but I know almost nothing yet. But I do know how to say 'Thank you' to you, and I love you very dearly."

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"Burrah for America!" writes Raymond Ares at the head of his letter, and he begins: "Dear Alles." Ills father, who was killed in the war, used to run a restaurant at Nancy, but an enemy bomb destroyed it.

"The American soldiers used to do their cooking near me," writes Raymond, "and they gave me all sorts of nice things because I told them that my daddy also was a cook."

"America," writes Roné le Jariel des Châtelets, "is said to be a very pretty country where trees are much bigger than in France. My aunts often speak about it. Their great-nucle was bishop of Boston over 160 years ago. He was Monseigneur de Chevreuse, who died in 1836, cardinal archishop of Boston over 160 years ago. He was Monseigneur de Chevreuse, who died in 1836, cardinal archishop of Boston over 160 years ago. He was Monseigneur de Chevreuse, who died in 1836, cardinal archishop of Boston over 160 years ago. He was Monseigneur de Chevreuse, who died in 1836, cardinal archishop of Bordeaux.

He loved America." So, apparently, does René, who is not yet 10.

Confiture for Aubin

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The parents of little Aubin Robert will be pleased to know that his money has been put in the bank, but not before his craving for confurre was gratified. His widowed mother writes:

My little Aubin is a frail child and needs constant care. It is he who made me smile when I was crying and I bone, he will be happier than I was. He has been going to school for three months, and the first letter which he will be able to write will be for his parrains.

While Aubin is too young to write hims.

While Aubin is too young to write himself. I shall have his brather write for him. If you think it advisable, I shall take a book at the Savines Bank for Ill-tle Aubin and tell you what amount I put the Aubin and tell you what amount I put the Aubin and tell you what amount I put the Aubin and t

Works Well for Daddy's Sake

My Dear Friends:—I was very giall hear that you are interested in my effact. I was seen on March 1960 and the seen of March 1960 and the seen of March 1960 and mother died last year. I am a citle orphan who has only his grand-other and a sister, also a widow since war, who has a little girl, and an noice who is ongaged as interpreter for e Americans.

the way. Who has a little kill with the way was that I should receive a good education; that is why mother sent me to school rather carly. I can read quite well and am already out of the little children's class. My facaher is so pleased with me, as I generally am among the first boys of the division. In remembrance of Daddy, I mean to work well so as to become a bright boy. I am, like all boys, very fond of all games, but I particularly love football and all mechanical toys.

I am very glad that you are going to holp me and take the place of my darling Daddy and Mammie, my kind friends of the Company of Cadets, and I promise you to be very good and work hard for your sake.

Your little friend,
Robert Cattiaux.

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HIS OUTFIT



To Pay Back His Sister

My Dear Parrain:—I send you two words to let you know that I am well and I hope you are the same. I thank you very much for your kind gift and your interest in my sister. I also hope that you have received my picture; you will see that I am a good boy. I go to school every day to learn how to read and write, and when I am grown to go and defend my country. I shall cat well so as to grow strong and tall and to become a well-educated boy, pellte to everybody and respectful to old pecule.

We are living in a refuge, the same as soldiers do, and have to go for our soup twice a day. Well it is well. I am a today the well in the country in the country in the country in the country and my other when war broke that had to do his duty and left us all four; my sixter, who is 16, and is in invaded country, and my other brother, 13 years old, who also is in invaded country with an aunt, and myself.

My father was very much grieved to leave his motherless children. After a stay of three months at the front he came back to see us and afterwards he died. I am living with my sister who supports me, but when I am grown I shall give everything back to her.—Your loving mascot.

She'll Soon Write Herself

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Dear Sirs:—It is with great pleasure that I give you news of my dear little Marle-Louise. She goes to kindergarien every day without grumbling, and she look: forward to the day when she will be able to go to the big school because, she says, "I shall then be able to my dear parrains:

When she hears an automobile rushing by, she runs to see whether it is a parrain American; if a little friend jostles her a bit at play, she immediately talks about reporting the fact to her parrains Americanes, She is very proud to be your muscot. I shall give her my place, for she will be happy to scribble a few lines. With my best thanks I am, dear sirs, Yours verante Fauriarche.

My Dear Parrains:—Your loving little ward sends you lots of tice kisses such a long way off to all of you.

Afraid of His Writing

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Dear Benefactors:—They tell me I have
been chosen as your little ward, and I
want to thankred of the Ward, and I
want to thankred of the Head of the Head
and I go to school every day. I learn how
to read and write. I only began this year
to attend school. Before that time I
could not see, but now I must learn
quickly in order to help Mother a little,
as Father, who carned our bread, was
killed at Guerbigny, in the Somme, on
March 12, 1916.

At recreation time, I like drilling with my school-follows, just like real soldiers, and to play marbles or football.

Dear parrains, I like to take walks with Mother, my brother and sisters, and to go and see American soldiers landing. They are all so line, these Americans!

I also sometimes go to hear your national hymn: I like it very much.

I see that American soldiers are as good as they are brave, as it is for France that you have come to fight in the French army. I read in the newspapers that you have eome to fight in the French army. I read in the newspapers that you have eome to fight in the prench army. I read in the newspapers that you have eome to nend I hope that the war will come to an end this year and that I shall be lucky enough to come to know you before you go back to America.

I hope you will excuse me for having had my letter copied by my sister, but I was afraid my writing would be too bad. I hope you are well; as for me, I am the same.

Your ward,

Bedouard.

Watches Americans Land

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My Dear Sponsors:—It is with a big
heart that I write to thank you for your
kindness in taking me as your little
ward.

I am eight years old and go to a primary school; I am in the fourth class. I
like going to school very much.
After school, I go on errands for Mother, or else I play with my doll, or a
hall, but I like my doll best. I put her
to bed and dress her very soften.
had; I try to talk to them, but I cannot understand what they say. They remind me of my dear papa, who was a
lieutenant of Infantry and who was
killed at the Dardanelles on May 4, 1015,
leaving mother with my sister Yvonne,
who is 15 years old, my brother Charles,
who is 15 years old, my brother Charles,
who is 13, and myself, and also grandmother, who lives with us and is 86
years old.
I'leave off, dear sponsors, with a big

who is 40, mother, who lives with us used years old.
I leave off, dear sponsors, with a big kiss for you all and with heartfelt thanks.
Your little ward, who will not forget you.
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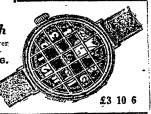
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He Used to Be Platoon's **Emergency Reserve** Fund, But-

Private Frank A. Doble belongs to a company which has written American history with the bayonet in the last few weeks: He has gone into—and come out of—all the hot scrimmages in which a

of—all the hot scrimmages in which a crack Infanty regiment can participate in these lively days.

He is the kind of a fellow who is—or was—always good for a touch if you kept your credit good. He was generally known to be in possession of frances three weeks from payday, he didn't shoot crap and he was regarded as a conservative spender.

One day, a fortnight ago. Private Doble went broke! If the United States Treasury had stouped nayment on silver

Donie went prose: It the United States freasury had stopped payment on silver poins, it wouldn't have created more of an impression on the members of his

And About the Same Time

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About the same time the War Orphan
Department of THE STAIKS AND
STRIPES received as draft for 300
franes with a letter from the XM.CA.
saying the amount was being transmitted for Private Frank A. Doble, Co.
M.— Infantry. There was no further
explanation. The letter was put aside
awaiting word from Private Doble—
which hasn't come yet.
The day after the bankruptey of Private Poble was discovered Company M
went into action, and it didn't think
any more about Private Doble's strange
financial condition until it came out

any more about Private Doble's strange immedial condition until it came our again and began to hold the customary frame inventory. It was then that Pri rate Doble confessed that he had gon and spent the whole plateon emergency reserve fund for a little French was

phan. Some of "these days, after Private Doble negotiates a razor blade through seven days' beard and corners and cap tures the last cootic, he is going to write to THE STARS AND STRIPES about this orphan, requesting, undoubt

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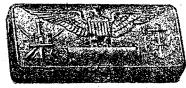
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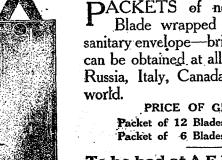
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